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1. Elektrobau Sondershausen (EBS) is a subsidiary of Technical Bureau No. 11, An der Wühlheide, Berlin, and is directed by a military-civilian staff functioning in Berlin-Friederichshagen, Müggelseedamm 247.
2. Colonel Nechaev is in charge at Sondershausen, assisted by Colonel Gaevski. Both are members of the Communist Party; Gaevski was a lance-corporal up to January 1948 and was promoted on the basis of his Party membership. Neither of these men possesses much technical knowledge.

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Comment: This appears to be the first time that EBS has been reported as a subsidiary of SMA Technical Bureau No. 11 @ Institut Berlin. While there may be no relationship, it is interesting that some earlier reports have stated that No. 11 is directed by a civilian engineer named Gaevski.

3. Captain Volikov, in charge of procurement at EBS, has a team of German-speaking Russians who do some of the firm's buying in Berlin. Among them is one named Rivin. Frau Bronikova, ex-lieutenant colonel handles EBS' financial matters and supplies. Colonel Gaevski replaced 1st Lieutenant Sergeyev, who was returned to the USSR. The latter was considered too sympathetic to the West, since he had studied in Germany before the war.
4. During the past year, EBS has been working on laboratory and technical equipment for V-2 rockets, all of it intended for six FMS coach trains with laboratories and launching cars. There are also laboratory motor trucks, six meters long with four axles, which are built in Werdau, Saxony, by the Waggonfabrik Gebrüder Schumann. EBS supplies equipment to this firm. [REDACTED] Germans at the EBS 25X1X plant talking about the A-10 and believes that measuring equipment for this missile is being made there. He also has heard references to the C-2 ("Wasserfall").

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5. EBS is in direct communication with Grotrupp, Gehrman, and other scientists, formerly of this area, who are now in the USSR. Deliveries are made from Sondershausen to this group at an APO number which is as yet unknown.
6. For camouflage purposes, EBS is building radio receiving sets which cost 2,000 marks to produce but must be marketed at 700 marks. Models of these sets are to be placed in show windows in the American and British sectors of Berlin with appropriate advertising of the EBS name.

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